

April 19, 2026

Dear Horseshoe Ridge Estates Homeowners,

On April 2, 2026, the Grand Valley Water Users Association (GVWUA) posted on their website to expect 60% of annual water supply. Additional details were posted again on April 10, 2026 following a statewide meeting on the water shortages expected for the irrigation season – see the right side of the home page: <https://gvwua.com/> . We encourage you to spend a few minutes familiarizing yourself with this serious situation.

As discussed at length at the Annual HOA Meeting and with the support of those in attendance, the Board is recommending we as a community do our part to reduce irrigation water consumption. To this end, we have developed a 4-stage plan we are asking all homeowners to review and comply with. The goal of this plan is to reduce irrigation water consumption by 20-50% in residential areas by focusing on behavioral changes, system adjustments and simple maintenance.

Stage One – Effective immediately (Objective 20% Reduction):

1. Fix Leaks and Damaged Heads Immediately

- Action: Conduct a neighborhood-wide “dry-walk” inspection to identify broken heads, leaking valves and geysers. If you see something, say something.
- Impact: A single broken sprinkler head can waste up to 25,000 gallons of water in 6 months.

2. Mandatory Re-scheduling & Timing

- Action: Implement a “No Daytime Watering” policy. Set timers to run only between 9 p.m. and 9 a.m.
 - Why: Watering at night or early morning prevents 65% of water loss due to evaporation from wind and heat.
- Limit Frequency: Reduce watering to a maximum of 3 days per week:
 - No watering on Monday.
 - Even numbered addresses: water Tuesday-Thursday-Saturday
 - Odd numbered addresses: water Wednesday-Friday-Sunday

3. Adjust Sprinkler Aim (Stop Watering Pavement)

- Action: Manually adjust nozzles to target landscaping, not sidewalks, driveways or roads.

4. Adjust Time-Based Controllers

- Action: Reduce all standard irrigation run times by 15-20% immediately. Many systems are overwatering by default.

5. Recommended: Implement Cycle & Soak

- Action: Instead of one 15-minute session, run three 5-minute sessions with 30-minute breaks. This allows the water to penetrate deep in the soil rather than running off.

Should it become necessary, please find below the future Water Restriction Stages:

Stage Two: (Objective 30% Reduction)

- Watering is limited to 2 days per week. Do not increase the watering time to compensate for the loss of days.
- Even numbered addresses: water Tuesday and Friday
- Odd numbered addresses: water Wednesday and Saturday
- Water between 9 p.m. and 9 a.m.

Stage Three: (Objective 50% Reduction)

- Watering is limited to 1 day per week. Do not increase the watering time to compensate for the loss of days.
- Even numbered addresses: water Tuesday
- Odd numbered addresses: water Friday
- Water between 9 p.m. and 9 a.m.

Stage Four:

- No Irrigation Water Available, Grand Valley Water Users Association turns off water or is unable to provide water.
- Consider using Ute Water to protect trees and shrubs, only as is necessary.

To determine the necessity of each stage, we will be working with our Farmer, Levi, and Ditch Rider, Mike, to monitor the usage rate on a weekly basis as provided by the 4 lateral valve meter readings.

Please be advised that GVVUA may at any time impose further restrictions including total shut-off of irrigation water. These actions supersede anything we as a neighborhood will be doing. Steve W., Mike, and Levi continue to stay in very close communication.

The entire Board is committed to keeping everyone informed.

Sincerely,
Steve Wright, Steve Nolan, Scott Godfrey and Jen Pierson
Horseshoe Ridge Estates Homeowners Board